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SUBJ: AMBASSADORIAL AND FOREIGN OFFICE CHANGES

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1. THE REMOVAL AND TRANSFER OF OAS AMBASSADOR ROCA AND ALVARO ALVAREZ OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE ARE DIRECTLY RELATED -- THOUGH BELATEDLY - TO THE OAS SITE VOTE DEBACLE. FONMIN ROVIRA ALMOST GOT THE HOOK AS WELL. AT ONE POINT HE SUBMITTED RESIGNATION, EITHER VOLUNTARILY OR UNDER DURESS. HE MAY STILL GO, BUT, WHETHER HE DOES OR NOT, HE CLEARLY IS ON A SHORT LEASH NOW THAT GIAMBRUNO HAS THE KEY POLITICAL-POLICY SLOT IN THE MINISTRY. MOREOVER, ROVIRA IS A SURVIVOR ACCUSTOMED TO FITTING THE ROLE EXPECTED OF HIM.

2. GIAMBRUNO TOLD THE DCM THAT THE GOU DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO MONTEVIDEO ABOUT MAY 30 AFTER TEN DAYS RO SO AT THE UN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. GIAMBRUNO AND MARQUES SERE, AND PERHAPS EVEN ROVIRA, MAY STOP OFF IN WASHINGTON FOR A DAY OR TWO. THIS COULD PERMIT SOME PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE IAHR.

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